

## Iowa Family Policy Center

### **Organization Description**

The Iowa Family Policy Center (IFPC) was founded in 1996 by statewide grassroots organizational leaders, business and community “champions” to help enhance the viability of Iowa faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) and the communities they represent. IFPC equips FBCOs to better serve Iowa’s poor, gain organizational strength, compete for public funding, encourage effective partnerships among and between public agencies and FBCOs, and measure the impact of partnerships.

### **Project Description**

IFPC’s project, Compassion Iowa, is dedicated to building the capacity of smaller Iowa FBCOs in addressing the social service priorities of homelessness, re-entering prisoners, children of prisoners, at-risk youth, addicts, elders in need, families in transition from welfare to work, and organizations that provide marriage education and preparation services.

### **Geographic Scope of Project**

The State of Iowa.

### **Partnering Organizations**

- Marriage Matters of Iowa
- Move the Mountain Leadership Center
- Iowa State University Extension Service
- Iowa Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

### **Sub-Awards**

A total of \$320,000 will be distributed to 21-35 Iowa FBCOs during the grant period. Individual FBCOs will be eligible for awards up to \$15,000.

### **Priority Areas**

Homelessness, re-entering prisoners, children of prisoners, at-risk youth, addicts, elders in need, families in transition from welfare to work, and organizations that provide marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages.

### **Project Objectives**

1. To enhance and expand the knowledge base of Iowa grassroots FBCOs.
2. To make sub-awards to 21-35 FBCOs through a prescribed, fair RFP process.
3. To provide a system of training/technical assistance in the 5 critical areas to enable FBCOs to become effective and viable.
4. To encourage and facilitate models and best practices.
5. To seek additional funding to sustain successful regional practices.
6. To measure and demonstrate the achievement of intended outcomes.

### **Project Strategies**

ICCP plans to implement an online assessment that will allow FBCOs to better determine their organizational needs. FBCOs will use this

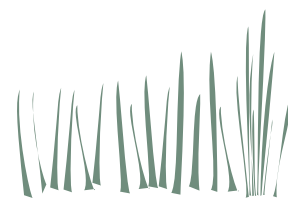
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assessment resource to prepare their responses to the RFP for capacity building sub-awards. Following extensive outreach, ICCP proposes to hold five half-day workshops throughout the state to explain the CCF project and its sub-award resources to fledgling FBCOs. Successful sub-awardees will further participate in a self-administered web-based organizational assessment tool (OAT) in collaboration with the TCC Group. Results of the OAT will support 10 hours of one-on-one technical assistance each month for each awardee. FBCOs not receiving a capacity building sub-award will be encouraged to participate in quarterly regional training sessions based on needs identified in initial web surveys.



**Compassion Capital Fund**

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***Project Outcomes***

Project outcomes for participating FBCOs include:

- Baseline measures of need, organizational readiness, and community collaboration established.
- Funding opportunities pursued to sustain capacity building efforts.
- Increased capacity of organizations to provide social services.
- Greater community integration/acceptance.
- Increased network and collaborative relationships.
- Improved community collaboration capacity.

***Grant Award Amount***

\$800,000